

# PANTOMIME



A PANTOMIME IS A  
TRADITIONAL BRITISH  
CHRISTMAS PLAY

## Pantomimes are a mix of fairy stories and folk tales

Pantomimes are staged in Britain throughout the Christmas period.

They are plays staged especially for children and their families.

They usually tell the tale of a favourite fairy story or folk story. Pantomimes are performed all over the country in church halls, town halls and leading theatres.

Cinderella is said to be the most popular pantomime. Others are Jack and the Beanstalk, Beauty and the Beast, Peter Pan and the Ice Queen.



PETER PAN



CINDERELLA



JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

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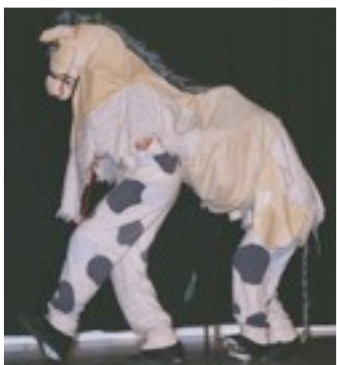


THE PICTURE ABOVE IS OF A TRADITIONAL PANTOMIME 'DAME'!



THE PICTURE ABOVE SHOWS THE GIANT AND JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Pantomimes always have a 'principal boy' who is played by a woman! They also have an older woman or 'dame' who is played by a man! This is done to make the pantomime more funny! There is usually a pantomime horse or cow which is played by two actors in one costume! The audience are encouraged to join in the story and boo or hiss when the 'baddy' character comes on stage and cheer when the 'goody' character emerges! Songs are often sung which the audience are encouraged to join in with. Children from the audience sometimes join the actors on the stage to 'help' in a scene and are rewarded by sweets.



THE PANTOMIME HORSE!



THE PRINCIPAL BOY!



THE ICE QUEEN